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Applicant: Anthony J. Baerlocher
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Title: GAMING DEVICE HAVING AN AWARD DISTRIBUTOR AND AN AWARD ACCUMULATOR BONUS GAME
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Docket No.: 0112300-766

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph under the title, "Cross Reference to Related Applications," with the following paragraph:

This application is related to the following commonly-owned co-pending patent applications: "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A BONUS SCHEME WITH MULTIPLE SELECTION GROUPS," Serial No. 09/656,702, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-008; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A SELECTIVELY ACCESSIBLE BONUS SCHEME," Serial No. 09/657,916, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-011; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A WEIGHTED PROBABILITY FOR SELECTING A BONUS GAME," Serial No. 09/680,346, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-018; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING RELATED MULTI-GAME BONUS SCHEME," Serial No. 09/688,972, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-158; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING BONUS SCHEME WITH INCREMENTAL VALUE DISCLOSURE," Serial No. 09/627,198, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-022; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR